

641—29.7(105) License renewal.

29.7(1) The period of licensure to practice as an apprentice, journeyperson, or master in the plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronics disciplines shall be biennial (every two years).

a. The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.

b. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration.

c. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

29.7(2) Specific renewal requirements.

a. A licensee seeking renewal shall:

(1) Meet the continuing education requirements, at least eight classroom hours of instruction during each two-year licensing term. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and

(2) Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.

b. Failure to renew a license within a reasonable time after the expiration of the license shall not invalidate the license, but a reasonable penalty may be assessed as adopted by rule, in addition to the license renewal fee, to allow reinstatement of the license.

(1) A licensee who allows a license to lapse for one month or less may reinstate and renew the license without examination upon payment of a late fee and appropriate renewal of license fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(5).

(2) A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than one month but less than two months may reinstate and renew the license without examination upon payment of a late fee equivalent to the appropriate license fee and appropriate renewal of license fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(5).

c. A licensee who allows a license to lapse for more than two months is required to retake and pass the applicable licensing examination and pay appropriate renewal of license fee as defined in 641—subrule 28.1(5) in order to obtain reinstatement and renewal of that person's license.

(1) A licensee who fails to renew the license by the end of the two-month period has a lapsed license.

(2) A licensee whose license is lapsed may not practice as a plumbing or mechanical professional until the license is reinstated and renewed.

(3) A licensee who practices as a plumbing or mechanical professional in the state of Iowa with a lapsed license may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, injunctive action pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105, criminal sanctions pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 105, and other available legal remedies.